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ELIMINATION OF STAND ALONE TAPE DRIVES

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Due to the cost of maintenance and the use of legacy media, ITS is eliminating the stand alone drives that create 3480 tapes.

Most of the tapes that are currently being created are sent off site. ITS asks that its customers review any JCL that calls for unit=tape80 and meet with the parties who receive these tapes to determine if the data can be received in a different manner. FTP would be the preferred method, eliminating the need for tape media all together, or use unit=tape90 and write to 3490 tapes.

Also, ITS will send each of the agencies a listing of tapes that they have created on 3480 volumes. Please review these lists and determine if the tapes are still necessary. Many tapes were created years ago; most likely the programs calling for these tapes have been re-written, or the tapes themselves have not been accessed for so long that they may no longer contain valid data.

If it is determined that tape data must be kept, please work with ITS to copy the data to media that can be read by other drives currently available.

Please contact Kathy Parkinson (kparkinson@utah.gov or phone 538-3666) or Lisa May (lmay@utah.gov or phone 538-3748) for deletes or to perform tape copies.

